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## FLOOD PREPARATIONS CONTINUE IN SPARKS Businesses in Sparks Industrial Area should take preventive measures

Sparks, NV – Forecasts from the National Weather Service predict the Truckee River will reach flood levels midday Monday with a projected peak midday Tuesday at the Vista gauge at the Truckee River. Heavy snow is forecasted to fall later in the week on Thursday.

The City of Sparks is advising all businesses and residents that flooding in low lying areas as well as areas that are prone to flooding may occur as early as Monday afternoon. Business owners and residents should secure their property if they are vulnerable to flooding. The Sparks Fire Department is requesting all business owners to secure hazardous materials in preparation of a flood.

Sparks has taken the necessary precautions and has ensured that all storm drainage systems are clear and operational. The City has crews working around-the-clock in preparation for flood activity, followed by a heavy snow storm. Citizens are encouraged to monitor weather information closely, and take appropriate measures to protect their property.

The City of Sparks has established 15 sandbag locations, primarily located in the industrial area (east of U.S. 395, west of Vista Blvd., north of the Truckee River, and south of Interstate 80) and operating from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and Monday. Residents and business owners are encouraged to bring tools to fill their own sandbags. Three sandbag stations in Sparks will be operational 24 hours a day.

- Standford and Coney Island
- 1755 Purina Way
- Shelly Park Baring / North Truckee Lane

A map of sandbag locations is available online at www.cityofsparks.us or by calling (775) 353-1508. Flood preparation information can also be found on Sparks Centennial Television or Charter Cable Channel 15.

## **REGIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Cities of Reno and Sparks, and Washoe County advise all residents to secure their own property if the are vulnerable to flooding. Flooding in low-lying areas is anticipated and it is imperative that private streams, ditches, and culverts are clear of debris and are operating normally.

Regional information can be found on <a href="https://www.yournevada.com">www.yournevada.com</a> and on the government Charter Cable Channels 13, 15, and 17.

## **Regional Numbers:**

City of Sparks: (775) 353-1508 RenoDirect: (775) 334-2099 Washoe County: (775) 328-2180

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